

## The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hawai'i Division

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, Hawai'i Division devotes programs and services to enhance the lives of those with MS in Honolulu, and works to meet the constantly changing needs of those with MS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society, Hawai'i Division raises awareness that MS interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and obstructs movement, and is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society, Hawai'i Division underscores that more than 400,000 people in the United States live with MS; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society, Hawai'i Division highlights that last year in Hawai'i more than \$251,000 was raised to move closer to a world free of MS, including the development of effective treatments and a wide range of client programs to improve the lives of the 800 individuals living with MS on our islands; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society, Hawai'i Division emphasizes that this investment has contributed to significant advances in treating MS, such as new medications which could reduce or delay disability of individuals with MS in the future; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society, Hawai'i Division encourages commitment to ensuring that people living with MS have the information and quality care they need to live healthy, productive, and independent lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2-8, 2014, as

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in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the achievements of those with MS in the islands, as well as the adversity they face with the help of improving treatments.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of February, 2014:

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i